



Department of Colorado and Wyoming Minutes of the 82nd Department Encampment

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Salt Lake City, Utah

June 11, 2011, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

1. Registration – (11:30 AM to 12:00 PM)

2. Call to Order – (12:05 PM)

Initiation of new member of the Lot Smith Camp No. 8

Initiation of new member (Graham Phillips) officiated by Brother Alan L. Russ, PDC (SUVCW-Council of Administration)

3. Opening Ceremonies

Officiated by Brother Eric Richhart, PCC
Senior Vice Commander-Department of Colorado & Wyoming

(Note: Department Commander-P. Rhy Paris was absent due to illness and wishes for a quick recovery were expressed.)

Roll Call of Department Officers

Conducted by Brother Gary Parrott, PDC
Secretary/Treasurer-Department of Colorado & Wyoming

Present included the following Department Officers:

SVC – Eric Richhart, PCC

Councilors: Garry Brewer, PDC
William Buvinger, PCC
James Davenport, PDC

JVC- Robert LeMaster

Secretary/Treasurer- Gary Parrott, PDC

Chaplin(Acting) - Gerald Mosley, PDC

Graves Registration Officer-James Davenport, PDC

Eagle Scout Coordinator- Gerald Mosley, PDC

Invocation

Conducted by Department Chaplain (Acting)-Gerald Mosley, PDC

Pledge of Allegiance

Conducted by Senior Vice Commander-Eric Richhart, PCC

Introduction of Guest(s) and Dignitary(s)

Conducted by Senior Vice Commander-Eric Richhart, PCC

Present included the following Brothers:

Alan L. Russ, PDC
SUVCW-Council of Administration

John Conrad, Camp Commander
Picacho Peak Camp-at-large No. 1

Greetings from the Commander-in-Chief

Presentation and remarks by Brother Alan Russ on behalf of CinC Brad Schall.

4. Report of Committee on Credentials

A review of the members present and the sign-in-log revealed that all Brothers present were *In Good Standing* and that the required quorum had been achieved (as reported by G. Parrott).

5. Minutes of the previous Department Encampment

The Minutes of the last Department Encampment were read by Brother Gary Parrott, (Secretary/Treasurer). Upon a motion made from the floor and duly seconded, the Minutes were approved as read.

For complete information refer to the attached copy of the *Minutes of the 81st Encampment of the SUVCW-Department of Colorado & Wyoming* (held in Grand Junction, Colorado, on June 12, 2010).

6. Department Officers' Reports:

Department Commander's Report

For complete information refer to the attached copy of the SUVCW-Department of Colorado & Wyoming: Commander's Report by Brother P. Rhy Paris (dated: May 28, 2011).

Note: Department Commander (P. Rhy Paris) was not present due to illness as noted above.

Senior Vice Commander's Report

Brother Eric Richhart gave a presentation on the activities and events that he participated in during the past year (for additional information refer to the copy of the report presented by E. Richhart).

Junior Vice Commander's Report

Brother Robert LeMaster gave a presentation on the activities and events that he participated in during the past year and on the status of recruitments (for additional information refer to the copy of the report presented by R. LeMaster).

Treasurer's Report

Brother Gary Parrott gave a presentation on the financial status of the Department and all receipts and expenditures. Upon a motion made from the floor and duly seconded, the report was approved as read (for additional information refer to the copy of the Treasurer's Report presented by G. Parrott).

Department Councilors' Report

Brothers – Garry Brewer and William Buvinger advised that during the past year the Department Councilors had no issues to resolve or projects to complete.

Graves Registration Officer's Report

Brother James Davenport advised that during the past year he had registered approximately 30 new names of Union Civil War Veterans that had been buried within the jurisdiction of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming. Additionally, he advised that currently there is a "glitch" in the National Graves Registration Database. The system will not accept new entries and/or updates to existing entries. National is working on a solution and this problem was hoped to be resolved within a short period of time. Notwithstanding the current "problem" he encouraged all members to continue to research local graveyards and report to him any suspected Union Civil War Veterans graves.

Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator's Report

Brother Gerald Mosley advised that he had been very busy during the past year. Many SUVCW-Eagle Scout Certificates were presented during the past year. Additionally, he advised that he had a recommendation to propose to streamline the process (for additional information on this proposal refer to the *New Business* section).

7. Camp Reports:

Centennial Camp No. 100 Report

Brother James Barker advised that the Camp had been very busy during the past year. The Camp had a recruitment booth at a recent “Muzzel Loaders” event that generated a lot of interest. During the past year, 5 new members were added and the Camp currently has 25 members in good standing (with 3 potential new members). Additionally, during the past year the Camp presented 3 ROTC Medals to local students. He also advised that the “problems” they had with the Riverside Cemetery in Denver had been resolved.

Legion of the West Camp No. 7 Report

Brother Garry Brewer advised that the Camp had been very busy during the past year. The Camp participated in the Grand Junction’s 4th of July and Veterans Day parades. Additionally, the Camp participated in several “History Day” events at the Museum of Western Colorado in Grand Junction. He further advised that the Camp was instrumental in getting a recently uncovered Black Hawk War Veteran’s headstone donated to the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado (in Grand Junction). It will be placed in the “*In Memory Of*” section of the cemetery with full military honors at a later date (during which the Camp will play a prominent role).

Note: although the headstone was issued to a veteran (Peter Buck) that was not a Civil War soldier, research revealed that the Grand Junction GAR Post officiated at his funeral services and completed & submitted the paperwork to obtain the headstone for his grave (several years later the cemetery where he had been interred went defunct and all headstones disappeared).

Brother Brewer further advised that the Camp was instrumental in obtaining temporary possession of over 200 Civil War letters written by a local Union Civil War veteran and donating them to the Museum of Western Colorado.

Thomas E. Bowman Camp No. 12 Report

Brother James Davenport advised that the Camp had been very active during the past year and events included participation in the local Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies.

Lot Smith Camp No. 1 Report

Brother Gerald Mosley advised that the Camp had been very active during the past year and had been actively recruiting new members (refer to the initiation of the new member during the Opening Ceremony section). Additionally, he further advised that the Camp is working on a fitting monument for Lot Smith (in addition to the inadequate current small plaque) in or around the State Capital (Salt Lake City).

Note: Lot Smith was a prominent local pioneer resident and was the commanding officer of a Union cavalry unit (Captain Smith’s Utah Cavalry-USA) during the Civil War.

8. Committee Reports

It was reported that during the past year, no regular or special committees were formed to investigate or resolved any issues as directed by National Headquarters and/or arising out of the operation(s) of the Department or by order of the Commander.

9. Old Business

It was reported that no *Old Business* had been held over from the previous Department Encampment (held on June 12, 2010) that required attention or action during this Encampment.

10. New Business

The below listed items were brought before the membership to be considered for action by the Department:

- The Department Eagle Scout Certificate Officer to coordinate with the Camps in regard to the issuing of Eagle Scout SUVCW Certificates to qualifying Boy Scouts within their jurisdiction (after a motion from the floor, duly seconded and discussion the motion was passed).
- A committee to be formed to research the issue of adding Arizona to the Department (after a motion from the floor, duly seconded and discussion the motion was passed).
- A committee to be formed to study the issue of adding additional states and change the Department name (after a motion from the floor, duly seconded and discussion the motion was passed).
- National to be contacted to determine the possibility of adding the State of Idaho to the jurisdiction of the Department (after a motion from the floor, duly seconded and discussion the motion was passed).
- Name change of the Department to be "*Tabled*" until determination of the addition of other states is recommended by the special Department committee and sanctioned by National (after a motion from the floor, duly seconded and discussion the motion was passed).

11. Nomination & Election of Officers:

The below listed officers were nominated, duly seconded, and each stated that they would accept and serve in the corresponding office/position if elected.

Note: the below listed names were nominated for the corresponding office/position with no opposition, subsequently, by a motion made from the floor and duly seconded, the slate of officers were elected by *Acclamation*.

Department Commander:	Eric Richhart
Senior Vice Commander:	William Buvinger, PCC
Junior Vice Commander:	James Barker, CC
Secretary/Treasurer:	Robert LeMaster
Council:	Garry W. Brewer, PDC James Davenport, PDC Gary E. Parrott, PDC

12. Installation of new Department Officers

The Installation Ceremony was conducted and officiated by a designated National Officer:

Brother-Alan L. Russ, PDC
SUVCW-Council of Administration

13. Remarks by the new Department Commander

The newly installed Department Commander (E. Richhart) addressed the members of the Encampment and advised that it was an honor to be elected to command the Department and that he would serve to the best of his abilities. He further advised that his plans for the upcoming year included the following:

- insure that a history of each Camp within the Department is written;
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- insure that a history of each Post of the Grand Army of the Republic that had been located within the jurisdiction of the Department be written; and,
- additional GAR Highway signs to be posted within the jurisdiction of the Department.

14. Good of the Order items

The following announcements and items of interest were discussed:

- all members "*In Good Standing*" of the Department are hereby declared to be designated Alternate Delegates to attend the National Encampment (to be held in August 2011);
- all are invited to attend a joint picnic with the Sons of the American Revolution on July 22, 2011, at Cross Orchard Historic Park in Grand Junction;
- Brother J. Davenport submitted a letter from Camp No. 12 stating that they were not in favor of any name change or any increase in the geographic area of the Department (for additional information refer to the copy of the letter from Camp No. 12 dated May 30, 2011)..

15. Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony was conducted and officiated by the new Department Commander (Eric Richhart).

16. Adjournment

With there being no further business to come before the 82nd Department Encampment of the SUVCW-Department of Colorado & Wyoming the meeting was duly closed at 3: 25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary E. Parrott

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Department Secretary/Treasurer

